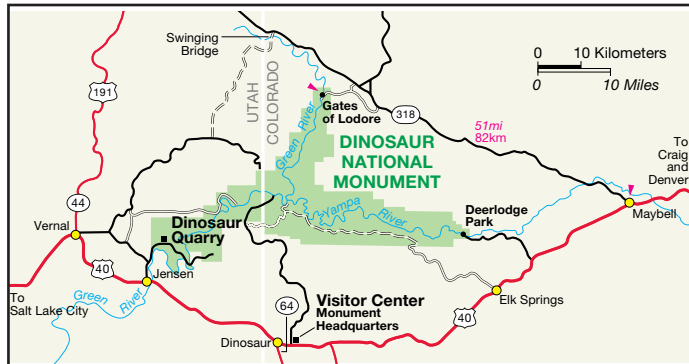




Dear Friends of the Park,

We continue to work on the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will analyze the impacts of a broad range of design alternatives to stabilize, rehabilitate, or replace the historic Quarry Visitor Center (QVC) at Dinosaur National Monument. The building has been designated a national historic landmark as an outstanding example of Mission 66 "Park Service Modern" architectural design. As noted in our first newsletter, the building has suffered extensive structural damage due to movement that resulted from moisture penetrating the expansive clay underlying the foundation. Attempts to stabilize the building have been ongoing for 40 years. Despite these efforts, the building continues to deteriorate and present safety concerns and costly ongoing maintenance issues.



We appreciate your comments received in response to our first newsletter, which requested your thoughts and concerns on the future of the QVC. Based in part on your comments, the National Park Service has developed a range of preliminary alternatives to protect the quarry and provide appropriate visitor access and an enjoyable visitor experience at this renowned paleontological resource. This follow-up newsletter provides you with an opportunity to review and comment on this range of alternatives. These alternatives include:

**Alternative 1 – Preserve the existing structure.** This alternative would keep the existing QVC in place, stabilize the structure to mitigate impacts that result from expanding soils, and rehabilitate the building's character-defining features, which include the exhibit hall, administrative wing, south wing, and ramp.

**Alternative 2 – Preserve the exhibit hall and reconstruct other features.** This alternative would stabilize and preserve the exhibit hall to protect and interpret the quarry resources, demolish and replace the south wing and administrative wing to match the original design as closely as possible, and salvage and reinstall the ramp.

**Alternative 3 – Preserve the exhibit hall and construct a new facility at QVC site.** This alternative would stabilize and preserve the exhibit hall to protect and interpret the quarry resources, demolish the south wing, administrative wing, and ramp and construct a new visitor and administrative facility on a new footprint at the quarry site.

**Alternative 4 – Preserve the exhibit hall and construct a new facility off-site.** This alternative would stabilize and preserve the exhibit hall to protect and interpret the quarry resources, demolish the south wing, administrative wing, and ramp and build new visitor and administrative facilities at or near the existing lower contact station.

**Alternative 5 – Demolish existing QVC and construct a new facility at QVC site.** This alternative would demolish all existing structures at the QVC and construct a new shelter to protect the quarry resources and construct new visitor and administrative facilities on a new footprint at the quarry site.



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On the basis of your comments and additional site and cost analysis, the preliminary alternatives will be evaluated and modified as necessary and a preferred alternative identified. The alternatives and analysis of implementing each alternative will be published in a draft environmental impact statement. You will also have an opportunity to review and comment on that document.

Thank you for your continued interest in Dinosaur National Monument. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

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